

From the Acting Deputy Maritime Administrator—



This season is full of exciting changes and challenges at the Maritime Administration. We welcome our enthusiastic new Maritime Administrator Sean Connaughton as he hits the ground running. We are preparing to move to new quarters in a new building early next year. Our authorization bill is heading to conference with the House and Senate. The Ready Reserve Force has been downsized over the past few months, and we are adjusting to that.

We should view these changes and challenges as opportunities to look at how we at MARAD do business and think about implementing positive change within our organization.

Here's another challenge I am looking to each of you to meet: I challenge each person in the Maritime Administration, and within our maritime community as a whole, to think of new business practices, ideas for growth and methods to better provide assistance to our maritime industry constituents. Managers and supervisors want to hear from you, as does the front office!

Julie A. Nelson

The *Compilation of Maritime Laws, 2006* is now available.

Limited copies will be available to MARAD's headquarters and regional offices, as well as the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

For a copy of the compilation, see Thelma Goldring in the Office of the Chief Counsel in room 7228 or Perquita Scott in the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs in room 7219. It is available online at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/publications/genref.htm>.

This year we are encouraging our stakeholders and the private sector to access MARAD's Web site or to purchase the compilation from the Government Printing Office at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov/>.

Welcome Aboard—

New MARAD Hires During the Month of August

Richard Bond - Headquarters - August 21, 2006
Marcia Little - Headquarters - August 21, 2006
Chandra McClain - Headquarters - August 6, 2006
Jose Salgado - U.S. Merchant Marine Academy - August 6, 2006